

☒ Abstract of The Disclosure
☐ Statement of Small Entity
☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney
☐ Information Disclosure Statement
☒ Appointment of Associate Attorneys
☐ Preliminary Amendment A

Applicant claims priority under 35 USC §119 to the following foreign application:

Serial no. 2000-140960 filed May 12, 2000 in Japan.

☒ A certified copy of this priority document is enclosed herewith.
☐ Please enter the attached amendment before calculating the fees.

Claims as Filed

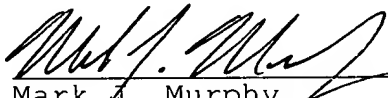
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Independent	3	-3	0	(small entity) x 40 (others) x 80	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent	No			(small entity) x 135 (others) x 270	\$0.00
Basic Fee				(small entity) x 355 (others) x 710	\$710.00
Assignment					\$0.00
Total Fee					\$710.00

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